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COMMON PROVINCIAL EXAMINATIONS 2021
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1. The Eastern Cape Department of Education, and in particular the Chief Directorate of Examinations and Assessment, after careful consideration of all the factors that had a bearing on the educational environment in 2021, has resolved not to conduct and administer provincial common standardised examinations for grades 10 and 11 for 2021.
2. The decision is in line with the DBE directive that schools need to administer school-based controlled tests, in order to maximise teaching time and drastically reduce the time spend on the administration of examinations.
3. Schools were also differently impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. In some cases, there has been severe disruptions to the learning programmes and schools have not been able to adhere to the adjusted annual teaching programmes. This has made the setting of question papers a virtual impossible task in order to ensure that no learner is unfairly disadvantaged.

4. Schools are thus directed to implement a programme of assessment and examination as outlined in the revised annual teaching plans.
5. Any control tests that are developed should adhere to the requirements that are outlined the latest updated applicable materials, such as the National Examination Guidelines for 2021.
6. Where necessary, the ECDoE will make supporting examination material available, such as exemplars to assist educators and subject advisors in ensuring that question papers that are developed are in line with requirements and of acceptable standards.
7. District Heads of Examinations and Principals of Schools/institutions must ensure that the content of this circular is brought to the attention of all relevant stakeholders.
8. Your cooperation regarding the conduct, administration and management of assessment and examination in the form of school-based controlled tests for 2021 will be highly appreciated.



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